

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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1. ☐ This communication is responsive to _____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 11 July 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-12 are allowable over the prior art of record.
2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claim 1, the invention relates to receiving and playing a broadcast program while listening to other content in a prestored format.

The closest references Kuroda (US 6,311, teaches a device for recording and playing data streams of audio, video and related information, including a device for displaying electronic program guide (EPG), and Morrison et al (US 6,591,292) teach a method and interface for incorporating program information into an electronic message, and for receiving such program information by an electronic message and/or implementing, based on the received program information, a corresponding program.

However, Kuroda and Morrison et al fail to explicitly teach a computer-implemented method of selectively recording and playing the content of a broadcast program, where the method comprises determining whether a predetermined criteria associated with the broadcast program is met, and if the predetermined criteria is met, automatically recording at least a portion of content of the broadcast program, and at the end of playing the prestored file, automatically playing the recorded content of the broadcast program on the media player.

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Regarding claim 7, the invention relates to receiving and playing a broadcast program while listening to other content in a prestored format.

The closest references Kuroda (US 6,311, teaches a device for recording and playing data streams of audio, video and related information, including a device for displaying electronic program guide (EPG), and Morrison et al (US 6,591,292) teach a method and interface for incorporating program information into an electronic message, and for receiving such program information by an electronic message and/or implementing, based on the received program information, a corresponding program.

However, Kuroda and Morrison et al fail to explicitly teach a computer-implemented method of selectively recording and playing the content of a broadcast program, where the method comprises determining whether a predetermined criteria associated with the broadcast program is met, and if the predetermined criteria is met, automatically interrupting the playing of the one prestored file and playing the recorded content of the broadcast program on the media player.

Regarding claim 10, the invention relates to receiving and playing a broadcast program while listening to other content in a prestored format.

The closest references Kuroda (US 6,311, teaches a device for recording and playing data streams of audio, video and related information, including a device for displaying electronic program guide (EPG), and Morrison et al (US 6,591,292) teach a method and interface for incorporating program information into an electronic message, and for receiving such program

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information by an electronic message and/or implementing, based on the received program information, a corresponding program.

However, Kuroda and Morrison et al fail to explicitly teach a computer-implemented method of selectively recording and playing the content of a broadcast program, where the method comprises determining whether to automatically interrupt the playing of the one prestored file in order to play recorded content of the broadcast program on the media player, or automatically play the recorded content of the broadcast program on the media player after the end of playing the one prestored file.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Chernock et al (US 6,813,776) teach viewing, listening, and downloading data in a multimedia program, including a system and method for enabling scheduling of a future viewing, listening, and data downloading event based on information presented in a current multimedia program.

Stautner et al (US 6,600,503) teach a novel system and methodology for providing information with respect to electronic entertainment, including an information program content guide which provides for related services.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher O. Onuaku whose telephone number is (703) 308-7555. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-6:00.

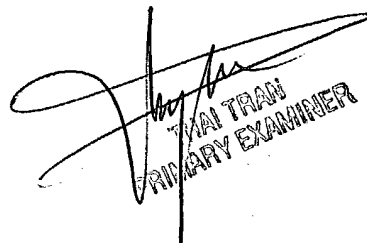
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew B. Christensen can be reached on 703-308-9644. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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